


**State EMS Advisory Board
Executive Committee Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel
6531 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA
February 9, 2012**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	OEMS STAFF:	OTHER ATTENDEES:
Gary Critzer, Chair	Gary R. Brown	Bruce Edwards
Dale Wagoner, Vice Chair (phone)	Scott Winston	Keith Morrison
Larry Oliver (phone)	Michael Berg	
Matt Tatum	Paul Sharpe	
Gary Samuels	Carol Pugh	
Allen Yee	Wanda Street	
	George Lindbeck	
	Warren Short	

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Call to Order:	Gary Critzer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.	
I. Chair Report – Gary Critzer:	Gary felt that the two-day December meeting was very productive. Also in December, he met with Jennie Collins, the former Chair, to discuss current issues and outstanding tasks. He also met with Dr. Remley and Dr. Levine on January 27 th . They both agreed to meet with each other on a regular basis. The plan is to meet quarterly. He has attended several EMS meetings and plans to attend the Virginia Fire Chief's Association Conference in Virginia Beach on February 24. He also will attend the VAVRS Spring Board of Governors meeting on April 2.	
II. Vice Chair Report – Dale Wagoner:	Dale is pleased to report that all Governor Advisory Board (GAB) members are now on a committee. The only position that has not been appointed to the Board is the Consumer position.	
III. OEMS Report – Gary Brown & Staff:	Gary Brown said that the OEMS' Report is located in the Quarterly Report. Gary Critzer asked about the legislation on moving the Poison Control funds. Gary Brown reported that this budget amendment has not been acted upon yet.	
IV. Coordinators Reports:	<p>Gary Samuels, Administrative Coordinator – <u>Rules and Regulations:</u> The Governor still has not signed the regulations. <u>Legislative & Planning:</u> Scott has been working with Chris Eudailey to get him updated on the Legislative Committee.</p> <p>Allen Yee, Patient Care Coordinator – <u>Trauma System Oversight & Management:</u> Dr. Yee received a verbal request to add an EMS representative on their committee. He has not received a written request yet from Dr. Malhotra. <u>EMS for Children:</u> No report. <u>Medical Direction:</u> No report. <u>Medevac:</u> No report.</p> <p>Matt Tatum, Infrastructure Coordinator – <u>Transportation:</u> Matt has been communicating with the committee chair, but has nothing to report. <u>Communications:</u> Matt has been communicating with the committee chair, but has nothing to report.</p>	

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	<p><u>Emergency Management</u>: There are several vacant seats on this committee. He is working with Steve Ennis to get them filled.</p> <p>Larry Oliver, Professional Development Coordinator –</p> <p><u>Training & Certification</u>: There is an issue with the National Registry testing fee coverage which has already been discussed.</p> <p><u>Workforce Development</u>: No report.</p> <p><u>Provider Health & Safety</u>: No report.</p> <p>Gary thanked everyone in working with the committee chairs in getting the positions filled. The committee discussed a uniform annual process for Advisory Board Committee Membership. This table was created by Warren. See below:</p>  <p>Annual Process for AB Committee Membe</p> <p>The intent of the annual solicitation of membership is only when there is a vacant seat. If there aren't any vacancies, then a solicitation of membership is not necessary. Gary Brown stated that this should be added in the guidance document. It is not clearly stated as such. Gary Critzer agreed that we should refine the guidance document.</p> <p>Warren liked the idea of an annual review of each committee. Gary Critzer said that an annual review can still be performed.</p>	
V. EMS Funding & the State Budget:	<p>When Gary spoke with Dr. Remley and Dr. Levine, they discussed the Advisory Board being more involved in EMS proposed funding reductions before they occur. They both assured him that they would include him if it is reasonably possible. There was some concern about when the Governor's office gives very short deadlines to get budget reduction proposals in.</p>	
VI. NREMT Testing & Certification:	<p>Gary Critzer mentioned the National Registry testing and the testing fee. Several counties in his area have inquired about this. There is a budget amendment to pay for the testing from the .25 cents training funds of the Four for Life Funds. In his discussions with Dr. Remley, Gary tasked the Training & Certification Committee to create some different proposals to administer the testing fee. One proposal could be all or nothing; another could be pay for only individuals that affiliate with an agency or for a certain time period. This could be a temporary solution and not a permanent solution until agencies have an opportunity to prepare for the absorption of this cost.</p> <p>Bruce would like further clarification if a person is non-affiliated and how the funds will be disbursed. Gary Critzer mentioned reimbursement to cover the testing costs. The Bill does not specify how the Office of EMS will pay for the testing, that will have to be worked out; it only specifies that OEMS will pay for the testing. Once the proposals have been submitted by the Training & Certification Committee we will get a better determination of who is eligible and how it will be covered.</p> <p>Gary Brown feels that all testing fees should be paid regardless of affiliation. We do not want to present a barrier or disincentive to any of the EMS providers.</p> <p>The question was raised if OEMS pays for everything. Warren stated OEMS does not fund text books, lab coats, uniforms, etc. OEMS Training Funds only cover education components for instructors and assistant instructors. Any</p>	<p>The Training & Certification Committee has been tasked to submit several proposals to cover the testing fees.</p>

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	<p>equipment is funded through RSAF grants.</p> <p>Warren stated that the proposal process may take longer than one meeting. Gary Critzer stated that it can be submitted at the August meeting. A special meeting may have to be set up to discuss this.</p>	
VII. Committee Assignments/Tasks – Gary Critzer:	<p>The Training & Certification Committee has been tasked to submit several proposals to cover the testing fees.</p> <p>Gary asked that all action items, that are to be submitted to the Board, are submitted at least two weeks prior to the Advisory Board meeting. This will allow everyone a chance to review the items in order to make an informed decision.</p>	
VIII. Legislative Report:	<p>The committee discussed legislation on access to VPHIB data, the National Registry testing funding, and the VRSAWG (Volunteer Rescue Squad Assistance Workgroup) amendment which was pulled this morning at the request of the organization. Gary Brown stated that the Line of Duty Death deadline has been extended a year. A committee will be formed to look at a dedicated funding stream for this. The committee will consist of stakeholders. The committee also discussed the EPI Pen bill for schools and a retirement bill for local government employees.</p>	
IX. State EMS Plan – Long Range Planning:	<p>Per Scott, the State EMS Plan was just revised in March of 2011. It is due to be reviewed in March 2014. The action steps of the State Plan has been assigned to OEMS staff to give an update on what has been done pertaining to these action steps. This is an ongoing process. The reason for including this on the agenda was to look at important initiatives that are coming up in EMS. What is on the National agenda? For example, in Communications, the next biggest impact will be Next Generation 9-1-1(NG9-1-1). This will have a direct effect on EMS and EMD. With Matt being on the National EMS Advisory Council, he will give reports of current national events. Gary feels that the Office of EMS and Virginia in general has been proactive in staying ahead of the curve. NASEMSO is working on something called Interstate Compact. The committee discussed other topics such as the Ambulance Standards conference call. Bruce had no report from the Board of Health.</p>	
X. EMS & VDH Health Initiatives:	<p>Per Gary Critzer, Dr. Remley is very interested in EMS. She feels that EMS is very successful in achieving their initiatives and would like EMS at the table to help support more VDH initiatives as they relate to EMS. Gary told her that EMS would be more than willing to support other VDH initiatives. This will be done on a case by case basis to see where EMS fits in with the initiative.</p>	
XI. Old Business:	<p>Gary Critzer stated that he received lots of positive comments about the December meeting and how productive it was. He thanked the staff for all of the updates.</p>	
XII. New Business:	<p>Paul Sharpe mentioned that the timeline for the new data dictionary is included in the Quarterly Report. There is a 95.75% agency compliance rate in data reporting. Also, NEMSIS Version 3 will be phased in and will be receiving data in the new Version effective January 1, 2013. The timeline of this migration is listed on page 54 of the Report.</p> <p>Michael Berg spoke of the drug shortages and the problems with drug boxes. He feels that OEMS will need to be proactive in dealing with this issue.</p>	
XIII. Good of the Order:	None.	
XIV. Public Comment	None.	
Adjournment:	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held before the May Advisory Board meeting.</p>	The Chair will submit possible meeting dates.